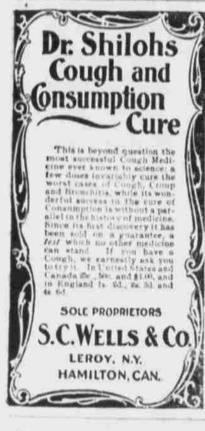
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chamber and undressed by her inti-

mate friends; the lights are then blown

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Their marriage customs, together try brought about by the unusual conwith the courtship immediately proced-

ng this interesting event, will probably excite as much interest as any of surrounded in civilizing and developing the Transvaul is the universal use After the slow thinking and often of fire arms by the wives, sisters and slower moving bugher makes up his daughters of these sturdy burghers. mind that he loves the girl of his choice. Ever since the days of the Great Trek he brings for her approval some "lach. When the women were obliged to asergoot" (confectionery). If he finds sist their brothers and husbands in favor in her eyes she will accept the defending their laagers from the furgiff which he offers with so much lous enslaughts of the savage Zulus trepidation, and then the happy sufter and equally feroclous Kaffirs, the weis allowed to sit in the midst of the men have deemed it their first duty coffee-drinking family for an hour or to know how to shoot quickly and with more. If the lady refuses the love precision. From the days when the oken the dejected suitor knows she brave women loaded their husbands: is not for him and he must week else- guns sheltered behind the meagre prowhere for conquescs. Finally, after any teotion afforded by their prairie schoolduring the agony of the coffee drink- res on down to the late wars with ing be is left alone with the girl. But England every floor girl and woman the wise tant, according to custom, has been noted as a dead shot, and lucky is the enemy who escapes after puts a limit on the length of his visit which is a mute statement, "So long gons has drawn a bead upon him. art they welcome, and no longer." The When the lions were plentiful in the mamorata until the candle burns to the Foung women was that of tracking for the passage mark. Then he wisely takes his de- and killing these kings of the African crafts of any description propelled by parture. If however, he loves not forest, and not all the refined influ- other than steam power, upon signals wisely but too well and overstays his ences of civilization that have pene-like the foregoing being given by time limit, never again does he have trated the Transvaal with its remark- trumpet blasts, or upon verbal request the opportunity of seeing his sweet, able growth in riches, both mineral of the person or persons in charge of heart alone. After the courtship has and agricultural, can wean these hardy same. progressed sufficiently certain inquiries daughters away from their old time are made as to the young man's stand. handlness with the rifle. ing and ability to take care of a wife and if these are satisfactory the wedding ceremonies are arranged. The Cure Impotency, Night Emissions and wasting diseases, all effects of self-and box being decked out in white sop and Columbia Counties. blood builder. Brings the flowers. A row of chairs is arranged United States Engineer Office, Portland cal subjects of the day under discussion pink glow to pale cheeks and for the guests who are to assemble. witness and take part in the ceremony The mud floor, if such it be, is rubbed for \$2.50; with a written guaran- with bullock's blood until it glistens pondence relative to rules and regutee to cure or refund the money, like polished manogany. When the lations governing the operation of draw

acquaintances in the same manner.

the bridal chamber and the party of

assembled visitors gravely seat them-

selves. After a time the bridesmaid

and best man arise and conduct in

with ceremony each individual guest

to wish success to and kiss the bride and bridegroom. This trying osculatory

task being consummated, the wedding

feast which has been prepared a week

in advance is set on the table, and it

whirling couples.

BRIDGE SIGNALS.

Nov. 17 -J. H. D. Gray, County 291 Alder street. Judge, Clatsop County, Astoria, Ore. In reference to our previous corresfriends and relatives, even unto the State of Oregon, I take pleasure in all wearing a properly solemn and as approved by the secretary of war ber the Eastern. mournful expression and greetnig their under date of November 7, 1899.

These regulations should be posted on The whole scene appears ludicrous to a each of the county bridges in a conspicstranger and reminds one of the old nous place and otherwise made availsaying. "This is a very solemn occa- able for pilots and others interested in That grows and ripens but to cast its sion," when all want to laugh. Greet- navigating these waters.

ings being over the oride, bridegroom. These regulations now have the force and attendants march penderously to of law and should be strictly followed.

Very respectfully.

W. C. LANGFITT. Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

RULES AND REGULATIONS TO Govern the Operation of Drawbridges Across Youngs Bay, Walluski river, Lewis and Clarke river, Skipanor river, John Day river, Blind Slough

almost sunset before the buge and Claiskanie river, Oregon, tongues, julcy fibe, tempting quarters Extract from River and Harbor A

of mutton, succulent spring lambs and of August 13, 1894, tender young fowls are devoured. The Section 5. That it shall be the duty greaning table, now a wreck of its fore of all persons owning, operating, and Methmer self, is cleared away and the real tending the drawbridges now built, or fun of the evening begins. As soon as which may bereafter be built across the trading siamps there, and if you from room, which has been cleaned and the United States, to open, or cause scrubbed with fresh bullock's blood to be opened, the draws of such bridge the women of the assembly flock into under such rules and regulations as in the side rooms to attire themselves for the opinion of the secretary of war the the evening. They reissue clad in public interests require to govern the white muslin, gay and resplendent with opening of drawbridges for the passage bright flaring ribbons of all the striking of vessels and other water crafts, and hues from bright searles, flashing or- such rules and regulations, when so ange to deep green and blue, and over made and published, shall have the all, bedecked with hugo brass jewelry, force of law. Every such person wno The dancing begins as the first tallow shall willfully fail or refuse to open,

candles are stuck up about the walls, cause to be opened, the draw of any

may be heard issuing from the rooms published, shall have the force of law

where they lie cuddled in all conceiva- and any violation thereof shall be pun-

that has pased in deep slumber. Then In pursuance of the provisions of

it is that it as dangerous to enter the law above quoted the following regula-

side rooms for fear of crushing a small tions are prescribed and will take ef-

ble shapes, happily oblivious of all ished as hereinbefore provided.

the music coming from a corner of the such bridge for the passage of a boat room. Bride and bridegroom open the or boats, or who shall unreasonably hall and the floor is soon covered with delay the opening of said draw after reasonable signal shall have been giv-Py II o'clock the children who swarm en, as provided in such regulations, In the side rooms are not to be kept shall be deemed guilty of a misdequiet longer, even by huge bunches of meaner, and on conviction thereof shall bread and cake. In a shrill treble their be punished by a fine of not more than small, piercing childish voices rise two thousand dollars, or by imprisonhigher and higher, finally drowning the ment (in case of a natural person) for scraping of the fiddles, which are businot exceeding one year, or by both ily screeching out a happy discord, such fine and imprisonment, in the dis-Then the mothers leave the happy as- creation of the court: Provided, That sembly for a few minutes and their the proper action to enforce the proviswhilem partners in the dance stand idly ions of this section may be commenced by waiting for their return. From the before any commissioner, judge, or side rooms pandemonium breaks loose court of the United States, and such for a moment, then all is still save an commissioner, judge or court shall proocassional whimper. Small heads have ceed in respect thereto as authorized by been knocked together by trate moth law in case of crimes against the Uniers, little nursemaids have had their ted States: Provided further, That ears cuffed for not maintaining better whenever, in the opinion of the secrediscipline and the small wailers have tary of war, the public interests re been forced into unocupied corners of quire it, he may make rules and regu beds, under tables, chairs and behind lations to govern the opening of draw boxes with a swift injunction to keep bridges for the passage of yessels and quiet. In half an hour all kinds other water crafts, and such rules classes and conditions of childish snores and regulations, when so made and

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outstretched hand or chubby foot that fect from and ofter the first day of

December, 1899; In the large room where the dancing 1. The drawbridge across Youngs is going on busy feet have broken the bay, Walluski river, Lewis and Clarke solid coating of the floor and a cloud river, Skipanon river, John Day river, of fine, impalpable dust arises that Blind Slough and Clatskanie river, all makes a halo of yellowish hue around in the state of Oregon, shall be prompteach individual candle while the Boers ly opened for the passage of steamof asthmatic tendencies are set wheez- boats upon the following signals, a ing and coughing by the microscopic

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